GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PLANTATION ALONG AGRA- GWALIOR EXPRESSWAY
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether plantation of trees along the National Highways are being undertaken;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether plantation of trees and their maintenance is being undertaken on contract basis;

(d) if so, the National Highway-wise details thereof;

(e) whether large number of trees have died or dried down due to negligence of contractor, particularly on Agra-Gwalior NH; and

(f) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Trees are provided on either side as avenue plantation based on availability of land within Right of Way (RoW). The plantation of trees is generally taken up by the State Forest Department. In some of the projects under BOT, the tree plantation is being undertaken by the concessionaire.

(c) & (d) Plantation of trees and their maintenance is generally not included in the civil works construction contracts. In some stretches entrusted to National Highways Authority of India, maintenance of trees is included as a part of ongoing Operation & Maintenance contracts. The details are as under:

(i) NH-8 : Jaipur bypass
(ii) NH-79A : Kishangarh – Kanwaliyas-Jajaro Ka Khera section (km. 0 tokm. 35) & NH-79 (km. 15 to km. 163.90).
(iii) NH-76 : (Udaipur-Chittorgarh (km. 113.825 to km. 220.00).
(iv) NH-5 : Bhubaneswar-Jagatpur-Chandikhole (km. 0 to km. 61).

(e) No, Sir. The trees on Agra-Gwalior section are being maintained through State Forest Department.

(f) Does not arise.